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Hi Jeff,  
Is this what we were talking about the other day?

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Hi Phil,

I am curious. Have you ever heard of MCO 393? It is a mineral close order in Alaska set by DNR in 1984 or 1985. I haven't found the actual text of this order, but from some things I've read online, it seems that some areas associated with the proposed Pebble Mine are actually closed to mining activity, including Upper Talarik Creek and the North Fork of the Koktuli River. And, there is a case pending between Nunamta Aulukestai [a non-profit corporation comprised of 8 Native Village corporations] and the state of AK regarding Pebble, and the lack of DNR following MCO 393 is one of their points included in it. How does this play into things? Is it not applicable for some reason? I haven't seen a decision on the pending case.

I had asked this question of the ORD folks at one point in a ps in an email and never heard anything. I was talking to Glenn yesterday and he said it might be that no one in that group has heard about it, but that maybe you all were aware in R10, so thought I'd ask.

Thanks,  
Barb

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